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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: REFERENCE TO TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY ON RUBBER TIRES AND TIRE CASES

REF: CANBERRA A-084

1. MINISTER FOR BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS FORWARDED
REFERENCE TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) ON QUESTION
OF NEED FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF RUBBER
TIRES AND TIRE CASES FALLING WITHIN CUSTOMS TARIFF ITEM
40.11. PUBLIC INQUIRY WILL BE HELD IN CANBERRA ON
AUGUST 30, 1977.

2. REFERENCE AROSE FROM LOCAL MANUFACTURERS DISSATISFACTION
WITH GOA'S RECENT DECISION RESPECTING LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE
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TO THE TIRE INDUSTRY. GOA HAD ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION THAT PRESENT RATE
OF 25 PERCENT AD VALOREM SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR A PERIOD OF
THREE YEARS TO ALLOW MANUFACTURERS TO REORGANIZE THEIR
PRODUCTION TOWARDS RADIAL PLY TIRES, AFTER WHICH RATE
COULD BE REDUCED TO 20 PER CENT AD VALOREM. AUSTRALIAN
TIRE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION MADE DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS

TO SENIOR GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, WHO IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED
MINISTER FOR BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO REFER THE
MATTER AT TAA. THIS ACTION HAS DEPARTED FR
M NORMAL
PRACTICE OF INITIAL CONSIDERATION BY DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

3. VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. IN FY76 WAS A DOLS 5.4
MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTED 7 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS
VALUED AT A DOLS 77.7 MILLION.

4. ANY U.S. COMPANIES OR THEIR AGENTS WISHING TO PRESENT
EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING SHOULD NOTIFY THE TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY, KINGS AVENUE, CANBERRA 2600 BY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26.

5. TAA HAS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 1977 TO COMPLETE ITS
REPORT.
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